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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION - EXPEDITED HANDLING
(Docket No. H0001202)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
Ronald P. ROHRBACH et al
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Sir:

This is Applicants' response to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2003 finally rejecting claims 1-11 and 13-16. The amendment below is believed to place the application in condition for allowance and was not presented earlier because the basis of rejection to which it is addressed was first presented by the Patent Office in the April 9, 2003 Office Action.

Please enter the Terminal Disclaimer submitted herewith with respect to US Patent 6,379,564 and amend the application by cancelling claim 11.